2. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Delay in the grant of Parole

Mr. President: I have received notice of an adjournment motion from Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan. The delay on the part of the authorities in granting parole to P. S. Nambudiri, a detinue to see his brother who is very ill, is the subject of the adjournment motion. Is this a matter of recent occurrence and is it a matter of urgent public importance?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sanction has been given.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, it is to another Nambudiri. There are two Nambudiries in Central Jail.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* There was a petition from one Nambudiri alone and sanction has been given.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* My motion relates Sir, to Mr. P. S. Nambudiri.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I do not know if it is the same person. I shall look into the file.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Mr T. N. Nambudiri Sir has been granted. Mr. P. S. Nambudiri has not been granted parole as yet.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I shall look into the matter. It has not come to notice. Government will enquire.

Mr. President: It can be posted for to-morrow. Has the Hon'ble Member any objection?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I have abolutely no objection Sir.

3. LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I beg leave of the House to move this motion, to have the Standing Orders amended.

1. In Standing Order 33, the following shall be added as paragraph 5 namely.—

"The Secretary to the Council shall be the ex-officio Secretary to the Select Committee. He shall arrange to send notices of the meetings of the Select Committee and shall arrange for the conduct of all correspondence connected with its business.".

Though the Secretary of the Legislative Council is functioning as ex-officio secretary there is no express provision in this behalf in the Standing Order. It is to supply this omission that this is introduced.

2. In Standing Orders 34 (3), 34 (5), 42 (2) and 71 for the word "Diwan" wherever it occurs, the word "President" shall be substituted. That is because we have an elected President.

3. In the proviso to Standing Order 66 for the words "the Deputy President shall be the chairman and the Advocate-General and the Secretary to the Council (when they are members of the Council", the words "President shall be the chairman, the Deputy President, the Advocate General (when he is a member of the Council)" shall be substituted.

4. This is a new thing. The following shall be added as Standing Order 72, namely.—

"During the Budget Session of each year, there shall be appointed to function for a period of one year, a House Committee to consider and advice upon all matters connected with the comfort and convenience of members of the Council. The Committee shall consist of the Deputy President as ex-officio chairman, three members elected by the Council and one member nominated by the President. The Secretary to the Council shall be the ex-officio Secretary to the Committee".

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I second it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Mr. President, I am extremely glad, Sir, as far as the last amendment to the Standing Orders is concerned namely, the addition of the Standing Order 72, which provides for the appointment of a House Committee to consider and advice on all matters connected with the comforts and convenience of members as detailed there. I am extremely glad that it is done and in this connection the Council Secretary more than the Chief Secretary and our Hon'ble President come in for a word of praise legitimately due to them for having so quickly acted upon a matter which is of prime importance in any house of

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